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Step Up Instead of Left

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

A government which can protect and defend its citizens from wrong and outrage and does not is vicious. A government which would do it and cannot is weak.

- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper



An estimated 3,500 children are poisoned by lead, primarily from the approximately 45,000 – 60,000 homes in Toledo that contain lead paint. Exposure to the hazard is more likely to occur in older homes located in Toledo's urban core, which means that African-American children in low-income neighborhoods overwhelmingly suffer the devastating effects of lead poisoning at a much higher rate than anyone else.

The cognitive damage and behavioral problems caused by lead poisoning are permanent and leave a lasting mark on our children, setting them up for a lifetime of struggle. However, the consequences are not limited to children's health. Lead poisoning also brings with it a calamitous impact on life outcomes, causing social, educational, and economic effects that doom a child's chances to thrive or of being successful. There are also additional direct economic and societal burdens reflected in higher costs that continue to strain the budgets of our public education, criminal justice and welfare systems.

An African-American child growing up already faces countless challenges. But this is one barrier we can remove.

A recent ordinance introduced to Toledo City Council will help to ensure all children in our community have access to safe and healthy housing, regardless of who they are or where they live. The legislation would require owners of single family or duplex rental properties to obtain a lead inspection, take appropriate steps to address potential lead hazards, and register their property with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

By calling for the use of interim controls, the ordinance offers an easy, affordable option for rental property owners to address lead hazards without incurring the high costs and lengthy process typically associated with lead abatement. A one-year roll-out period also allows adequate time to bring properties into compliance.

The proactive approach of this legislation is an effort to prevent lead poisoning before it occurs, an improvement on current public health policies that don't call for action to be taken until after a child has been poisoned, when the effects have already set in.

While some, including the powerful local real estate lobby,

are concerned about the cost of controlling the hazards of lead, ignoring the problem brings even more expense, costs that we all bear. Children affected by lead poisoning experience a loss of IQ points and poor impulse control, which makes them more likely to have difficulties in school and in obtaining employment, and more likely to be incarcerated.

A 2014 University of Michigan study concluded that the costs in the State of Michigan associated with healthcare, special education, decreased earnings and crime amount to \$330 million annually, including \$145 million borne directly by taxpayers.

Home should be a place where children can be nurtured and protected, not face an invisible threat every day. It should be a place to dream about possibilities, not be stripped of opportunities. But for too many children in our community, lead poisoning is a barrier to reaching their full potential. This public health crisis is entirely preventable, and we have a responsibility to protect our children from these dangers.

Rather than step to the left on African Americans, the leaders of our city have a responsibility to step up to the plate and protect the health and well-being of our children, and should pass the lead ordinance. This is a chance to leave an intentional positive mark on the lives of our children, a tangible promise that each and every one of them can have the opportunity for a bright future.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, D.Min., at drdlperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org

Community Calendar

July 4

Happy Independence Day!

Braden United Methodist Church Community Festival of Faith: 6:30 to 10 pm; Music, food, fireworks, horse rides

July 10-15

Greater St. Mary's MBC 2016 Annual Church Revival: Presented by In Church Women's Ministry; "The Road to Obedience;" Sunday July 10 @ 5 pm; July 11-15 7 pm nightly; Guest revivalist Bishop Robert Lyons Jr of Dayton: 419-536-5155

July 23

St. Stephens COGIC Community Festival: 11 am to 5 pm; Facepainting, fire-fighting, trains, games

July 24

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July 24-September 12

Free Parenting Classes: Saturdays 11:30 am to 1 pm; Continuous open enrollment; Sponsored by Operation Re-Seed Christian Ministry Parenthood Program: 419-297-3530

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It's Legal Freebies Time Again

By Lafe Tolliver

Guest Column

Yes, that is right. You are at the right place to read about some more legal freebies that I am able to pass on to you so that they may help you if you are in a similar legal situation.

Number One: In a divorce action, in Ohio, you now have the legal ground of irreconcilable differences that qualifies for a divorce. Both parties must agree to it in open court and the judge can grant a divorce on one party indicating such differences and the other party agreeing to it. Can't get easier than that!

Number Two: If you have bank accounts and you wish to avoid the hassle of probate court and you want someone to receive those bank balances when you pass away, go to your bank and ask for a Payable On Death account (POD account) or a Transfer on Death account (TOD account).

Simply give them the names or name and addresses of the person(s) whom you want to receive your bank accounts and in what amounts (half, all, 20 percent.....etc.). That information is added to your present accounts and...Voila! It's done.

Number Three: If you plan to file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy (a fresh start), do not take out any payday loans 90 days before you file because, if you do, the payday loan people can protest and the court has the power to have those payday loans stay with you even though the other listed debts can be wiped out. The same goes with using credit cards that close to filing a Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Number Four: If you make out a will and you have "problem" relatives whom you think will cause a scene and hold things up, simply put into your will a simple, "in terrorem" clause. This clause states as follows or something similar: "I, upon consideration and due deliberation, give the amount of one dollar to uncle Ray or my wayward son, Demarcus and he or she (or they) are/is to receive nothing further or additional from my estate."

This type of clause will stop a lot of nonsense from happening if you have relatives who want to contest your will thinking that they are entitled to something from you!

Number Five: If you are arrested and placed in jail, beware of the "jail house snitch!" This is a person who is either planted by the police in or near your cell so that they can confess to the police (in return for leniency for their case) that you told them about your case and that you confessed to the crime. In jail, never, ever, ever discuss your case with anyone except your lawyer. If someone asks about your case, simply tell them that your attorney said, "Mums the word!"

Number Six: If you do not qualify for a federal court Chapter 7 bankruptcy or even for a federal court Chapter 13 Plan (paying back your creditors), consider filing a Toledo Municipal Court Trusteeship. Simply take your recent pay stubs and evidence that you are being threatened with a garnishment to the basement office of the trusteeship in the Toledo Municipal Court. They will set you up with a modest repayment plan amount and this will stop the garns. Tell 'em Lafe Tolliver sent you!

Number Seven: Want to transfer your home to someone else but you want to still live there? Simple! In the deed that will transfer the house to your relative or someone else, simply insert that you have a "life estate" in the home. That way you can still live there but ownership is transferred to someone else. Note: make sure that they pay the taxes and insurance on the property and do so with a written agreement. No oral nonsense.

Number Eight: When someone passes away and he had insurance policies on his life and in those policies he has named beneficiaries, those policies do not become part of his estate for probate purposes of calculation of the value of the estate. Contracts, such as these, bypass probate and the proceeds go directly to you, the beneficiary.

Number Nine: If you sue someone and do not know where she is living but you have her last known address, you can, for a cost, publish your lawsuit against her in the local Legal News Newspaper for a determined number of weeks. After those weeks are concluded, it is as if she received personal notice of your lawsuit and you can continue to finish your lawsuit against her without her protesting that she never received notice of the lawsuit!

Number Ten: If you are a landlord, or landlady, and you have tenants who rent from you, make sure that you have clauses in your rental agreement that ban: (1) pets of any kind unless they are dogs for those with sight disabilities (2) no fish tanks over five gallons in size (ever hear of water damage to the wooden floors?) (3) no illicit

drug usage (4) no loud music after 9 PM and before 8 AM (5) No waterbeds (6) no storage or parking of any vehicles on the front or back lawns of the property (7) No persons to live in the unit other than those noted on the rental application (8) There is a charge of \$50.00 each time the landlord has to go to the property to allow entry into the unit because the tenant lost or forgot his key.

Number Eleven: To landlords: Always get the social security number and date of birth from each applicant that you rent to and run a credit check to make sure your prospective tenant is not a tenant who bounces from property to property because he or she does not pay the rent. If they are not working, do not rent to them.

Number Twelve: If you are injured in a car accident or are bitten by a dog or slip and fall in a store, never accept a settlement offer from the offending party without first having all of your medical care finished just because the offending party wants to do a quick settlement. This rash act will cut off your rights to any future recovery if you are not yet fully recovered.

Unlucky Number Thirteen: If you gave your intended an engagement ring with the understanding that it was a pledge of true love and marriage was around the corner and the engagement is broken off, you, under Ohio law are entitled to the return of the ring from the lady who now has second or even third thoughts. If she does not voluntarily part with the ring, you can take her double talking self to court! Who says love is blind!

So, there you have it. More freebies for my dear readers. And remember, it is likely that where ever you go in public, indoors or outdoors, there is a camera watching you, so behave yourself this summer!

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U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt

This week the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed a woman's constitutional right to make her own decisions about her health, family and future no matter where she lives. By striking down the Texas law, HB2, the Court kept current clinics open in Texas, and set a precedent so that more clinics can open or reopen in the future.

"This is a win not just for women in Texas, but for women across the country," stated Marcela Howell, founder and executive director for In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda. *"This decision sends a clear message to politicians set on denying women's constitutional right to an abortion that these baseless and deceptive laws are unacceptable."*

Black women, young women, immigrant women and low-income women in Texas stand to benefit the most from this decision. The 725,000 black women of reproductive age in Texas, plus the 12.5 million black women in the other 20+ states with similar sham laws, will potentially be saved from higher costs, longer delays and extra steps when seeking an abortion thanks to the SCOTUS action.

While the fight to protect women's access to abortion services is far from over, today's decision put politicians on notice that *"when it comes to abortion, we trust black women, all women, to make the important personal decisions that are best for themselves and their families,"* added Howell. *"This is the first step in ensuring that politicians stop playing politics with women's lives."*

No one can fully know the circumstances of a woman facing a decision to end a pregnancy, and no one else can make that decision for her. Based on a national survey conducted by In Our Own Voice, an overwhelming majority (80 percent) of black women and men agree when asked *"regardless of how I personally feel about abortion, I believe it should remain legal and women should be able to get safe abortions."*

In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda is a national organization that seeks to highlight the voices of Black women at the national and state levels, on the issues of abortion rights and access, contraceptive equity and comprehensive sex education.

Ohio Democratic Party Statement on Today's Ruling in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt

Special to The Truth

The Ohio Democratic Party released the following statement from Chairman David Pepper and Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus Chair Kathy DiCristofaro on today's U.S. Supreme Court decision in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt:

"This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is a huge victory for women, as the court struck down a Texas law that interfered with a woman's personal decision-making and ability to get the care they need," said Pepper. "With this ruling, it's time for John Kasich and Mike DeWine to stop defending similar laws that Republican legislators have put into place -- laws that do nothing to protect Ohio women and make it harder for them to access the care they need."

Today's decision struck down the admitting privileges and surgical center requirements in Texas law. Ohio law currently requires abortion clinics be licensed as ambulatory care facilities. Since Gov. John Kasich took office, half of Ohio's abortion clinics have been forced to close.

"When a woman has decided to end her pregnancy, she should be able to get the health care she needs," said DiCristofaro. "Anti-abortion lawmakers in states across the country, including here in Ohio, have passed restrictive laws that do nothing to make abortion safer or support a woman's decision-making. Their real agenda is to ban abortion outright, and since they can't, they use restrictive laws that restrict the information that a woman can receive, delay her, force her to take tests she doesn't need, allow people to harass her and force clinics to close. That's why it's critical to help elect Hillary Clinton and stop Donald Trump, who wants to punish women for making their own health decisions."

"This ruling demonstrates how important the 2016 elections are," said Pepper. "This fall we will set the course of our Supreme Court for a generation, and we will also elect new state legislators, who are on the front lines of the fight to protect Ohio women."



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"Today's Supreme Court ruling reaffirms that higher education can continue to be a path out of poverty for the many historically disadvantaged Americans. I am pleased that some of our most basic American values - the equal opportunity to pursue an education and an appreciation for our nation's diversity - are being upheld to ensure generations of Americans have the opportunity to carve their own path toward greatness.

"From the bold action and leadership that accompanied our nation's civil rights movement to today's Supreme Court ruling, the greatest nation on earth is ensuring millions of Americans are able to live up to their fullest potential by turning the American Dream into a reality."



State Rep. Alicia Reece

Civil Rights Group Celebrates Supreme Court Ruling, Reiterates Need for Racially Representative School Communities

In a 4-3 ruling on Fisher v. University of Texas, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that the University of Texas at Austin could continue to use race as one of the factors weighed in admissions decisions. In response, Judith Browne Dianis, executive director of the national office of the racial justice organization Advancement Project, released the following statement:

"With our nation facing a transformative period in racial justice, it is as critical as ever that our universities reflect the demographics of our society. All students, including students of color, deserve a voice in their respective institutions of higher learning. School communities work best when everyone has a seat at the table.

"While our country continues to bear the scars of a racist past, admissions policies that ensure diversity and inclusion remain essential to progress. Universities across the United States - including Texas' flagship public university - practiced segregation for the majority of their existence, explicitly denying students of color equal access. As we confront new chapters of both racial tension and racial reconciliation, it is necessary that universities consider the holistic experiences of applicants - including the ways race has shaped their worldview and influenced their access to opportunities.

"Education is richest when student bodies reflect the unique makeup of our communities. Universities are strongest when scholars contribute knowledge that cannot simply be learned, but lived, through their unique cultural experiences, including those influenced by race. Admissions policies that promote diversity and inclusion are necessary, and we are pleased by the Supreme Court's ruling to reaffirm them."

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Family, Friends and Neighbors Join Mitchell Grad Celebration

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Dozens of family members, educators, and friends gathered on June 11, 2016 to celebrate the commencements of Amber and Autumn Mitchell, the high-achieving daughters of Veronica and Artie Mitchell II. The hall was decorated in silver, black and gold; the event also featured a live DJ, candy table and personalized centerpieces.

Guests dined on a scrumptious soul food dinner and the highlight of the gathering was a recognition by the graduates of those who were of such help in their success along the way. Chief among those the Mitchell sisters thanked was their late grandmother, Margaret O'Neal, who passed away in 2010. Granny O'Neal was their biggest cheerleader.

"This night is about honoring my beautiful, God-fearing daughters, Amber and Autumn Mitchell. This woman right here, my wife, brings out the best in me. I give glory to God, because she provides the best example for our daughters," said the proud father, Artie Mitchell II.



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The Beauty of A Black Man

By Megan Davis

Soucial Scene Contributor

We are through half of 2016 already and it is certain that time waits for no one. Summer is here and the month of June is almost over. Some may say that "Father Time" is moving forward, sparing no moment for inactivity.

As Father Time moves ahead, Mother Nature also continues on her charted course. It's a new season. We have celebrated the newness of springtime, growth and change. We have celebrated Women's History Month and Mother's Day.

There are longer days upon us now and warmer temperatures. Families celebrate Independence Day, Juneteenth and Labor Day while summer is in session. Children are on vacation from school and summer camps are in full swing.

There is a great deal of focus on children during the summer. Whether it be reading programs, free lunches or athletic competitions, there simply is no shortage of activities for the kids. In fact, there are more programs and services designed for women and children than there are for men. With June being Men's Health Month and the month that Father's Day take place, men need more than one month to be inspired and celebrated.

In our community there are two important initiatives that our men are a large part of, The Annual Fatherhood Walk and the Real Men Ready program. While one unifies men in the community to come together and uplift one another in their roles as fathers, the other brings men together to promote literacy among African-American boys.

They are passing on a valuable skill that is often missed with students today. These programs are needed and are appreciated by those impacted by them, and yet, there is something more that could be done to elevate the men in our community.

For generations African-American men have been portrayed as animalistic, dangerous characters with the inability to live as respectable community members. Little boys are stereotyped into being "aggressive" and emotionally disturbed when they have difficulty learning or socializing in school even kindergarten.

Young men are often perceived as thugs and vagabonds. Grown men are cast as deadbeat dads, womanizers and hustlers. It is

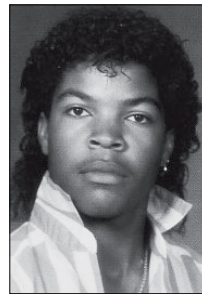


Megan Davis

rare to hear of men being considered leaders, lovers and "kings" in the lives of their families and within their communities.

Without spending too much of Father Time's ticking clock trying to determine why this is true, time would better be spent sharing why black men are beautiful. Beauty isn't just for the dainty female or a flower; beauty is for the black man who takes one look at his child and vows to protect him or her for life.

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Rapper/Actor O'Shea "Ice Cube" Jackson's Jheri Curl and popped collar with a left ear piercing.



Singer/Dancer, James Brown wearing the Conk (a relaxed hairstyle) and a Tweed suit paired with a knit turtle neck, a style still worn today.



President Barack Obama dons a classic men's haircut and is wearing his Presidential suit and tie.

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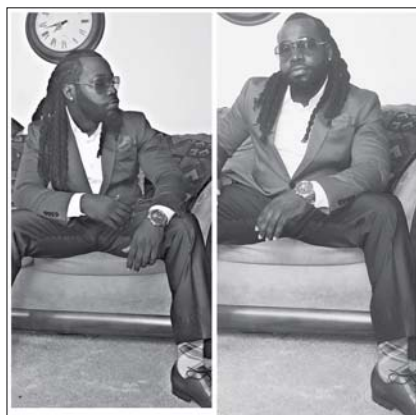

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Singer/Cosmetologist at BeYoutiful Salon, Armon "Monnie Soul" Peters, with a pop of color on his tapered Afro and a French Fork Beard while mixing patterns and bold colors with jeans and sneakers for an urban trendsetter's look.

The Soulcial Scene

Latonya Royce McDonald-Greenlee Celebrates 60th with Hawaiian Luau

Latonya Royce McDonald-Greenlee, RN, BSN along with family and friends, celebrated her 60th birthday on Saturday, June 18 at the American Legion Hall on Byrne Road. McDonald-Greenlee, who is married to Robert Greenlee and has three daughters – Lanaya McDonald, Sonji Hill and Britteny Horn-McIntyre – has worked for St. Vincent for 43 years and has also served a stint in the US Army Reserves – retiring as a major. She has also worked as a registered nurse at the House of Emmanuel for 10 years.

“Always full of life and has a huge heart,” says daughter Lanaya. “She’s always willing to help anyone friends or family. Her hobbies include running, reading and spending time with family especially the grandkids. She loves nursing and treats every patient as if they were family.”

McDonald-Greenlee plans to go to Hawaii when she retires in a couple years so she chose the Hawaiian theme for her big shindig.



Latonya McDonald-Greenlee



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The Soulcial Scene

Toledo Museum of Art's Block Party

Hundreds of people gathered for the Toledo Museum of Art Block Party on Saturday, June 18. Food trucks lined Monroe Street in front of the museum and visitors were able to snack on everything from sandwich wraps and hot dogs.

Music played throughout the event along with acrobatic performances by Bird's Eye View Circus.

Early in the evening, giant puppets crafted by students from the Toledo School for the Arts floated around the venue engaging the audience. Giant human art sculptures titled Jume Plensa: Human Landscape decorated the museum grounds.

Crowd pleasing performances were offered by JP Dynasty & Naah and Aha Indian Dance.



Pastor Cedric Brock celebrated his 23rd Pastoral Anniversary at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church this month.



The Brocks



First Lady Debra Brock and Pastor Cedric Brock

YOUTH ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

ATTENTION YOUTH SERVING PROFESSIONALS AND PARENTS OF YOUTH

The Youth Advocacy Alliance (YAA) has a goal of raising community awareness and providing professional development on issues related to positive youth development in Lucas County.

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Beautiful is the man whose hands work day and night to provide for his family, a home, a vehicle and food. Beautiful is the man who has a vision and sets forth to fulfill it. Beautiful is a man who shares love and compassion for others. Beautiful is the man who overcomes the judgment of society to become our judges, attorneys, professors, councilmen, fire chief, and even the president of the United States.

Black men are beautiful, quite the opposite of what has and is being portrayed. Beautiful doesn't only mean that one is pleasing to the eyes, mind or senses, it also means something or someone of very high standards, one who is excellent.

Black men have also been trendsetters in hairstyles and fashion for generations. Whether it's the Conk, Jheri Curl, the High Top Fade, Locs or the Bearded Bald Man; black men have made hairstyles and fashion a multi-billion dollar industry with looks adopted by people of every culture and generation.

Black men have stood out and been unique since the beginning of time and they can be celebrated for the men they are. They are teachers, community leaders, artists, journalists, health care professionals, activists, musicians, fathers, brothers, and sons. Many black men are self employed as barbers/stylists, lawn care specialists, group home facilitators, apparel companies, photographers, DJs and real estate agents. Black men are managers, supervisors and team leaders. Black men are husbands and parents. There are more good things about a black man to celebrate than there are to criticize and condemn. As time progresses, it is important to uplift the black man with honor, respect, in spirit, in prayer, with love and compassion and with hope.

We cannot change the past, but we can inspire and be the change today and moving forward.



Drummer/Bassist, Healthcare Professional and Father Del Ray Grace, Jr. Has long, manicured Locs fashioned in two strand twists with a Distinguished Gentleman's beard that combines the styles of an extended goat tee with a classic full beard and a tailored ensemble with bold colors and coordinating accessories.



Etiquette in the 21st Century: Maturing Into Etiquette

By Robin Reeves

Soulcial Scene Contributor

When I was about eight years old, I ran away from home because I felt no one was listening to me. My mind was made up, these people (mom and dad), must not love me because they are not paying me any attention. My complaint: why do I have to go to bed when everyone else is having fun.

I made an executive decision to sneak out the back door, down the dark alley to Hoag Street, up Vance St. to my auntie's (the late Willa Mae Russell) house. I had run away. As I walked all the way (less than one mile), I thought, now what are they going to say? I bet they will be looking for me and then they will see how I felt, not loved.

When I arrived at my auntie's house she said "what are you doing here?" "Can I spend the night?" "Yes," she said. Great, my plan was working!

I went to bed and woke up to a big home-cooked breakfast and laughed and talked with my auntie. She finally said, okay it's time for you to go home.

I began my long journey home thinking, I showed them. I'm sure they have called the police by now and they are in trouble for losing their daughter. Wouldn't you know it, my mom was not upset at all.

Mom said "Good morning, get your chores done before you go skating (Ohio Skate Saturday morning). Wow I could not believe this. My mom was not angry nor appeared to be concerned. What happen to my plan, why didn't I get the response I was looking for?

So I said to my mom, I ran away. Mom: I know, your auntie called and told me you were with her and that you were going to spend the night with her.

As an adult I think back on this experience often especially when I'm working with children. I don't know if my mom realized the impact her reaction had on me that Saturday morning but she changed my life. This experience helped me to reach my next level of maturity. The natural progression of my internal maturity had shifted.

What does this has to do with Etiquette in the 21st Century? I'm glad you asked. The maturity level of children and adults in most cases determine how we treat others, solve problems, emotional intelligence and how we set and achieve goals. Etiquette is the ability to make others feel comfortable with you but we have to first be comfortable with ourselves which is part of maturity.

When I was eight years old, I lacked the level of maturity I needed to solve my problem but my parents and auntie were mature enough to handle my actions appropriately by respond in a way that did not create panic or allow me to think I could control them.

Edwin L. Young, PhD, The Natural Systems Institute Stages of Growth in Maturity wrote, "The way children and youth

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perceive and act seems to move, very roughly, in pace with age progression." A few factors Young describes as contributors to maturity is intelligence, the presence of mature adult models and a broader social environment such as their neighborhood, school, religious affiliation, along with income sufficient to survive without undue hardship and hunger, and whether or not there are adults in their lives whom they trust and who provide them with skillful coaching for maturation. This is etiquette in action.

At the Brains and Body Fitness Camp where I teach the Etiquette Class with the help of my team, we have a wonderful group of about 100 children covering grades three - 10 who are on different maturity levels. We prepare our customized camp curriculum by first understanding our audience and their maturity level. We do this by adopting Young's Natural Systems Stars and Stripes Program approach to help identify how we can effectively challenge, motivate, and develop their proper etiquette and image skills. We observe five out of seven potential levels of the children's maturity. The five levels are:

Level 5: The child's actions are guided by conventional Principles of living. Some of the basic topics concerned with principles are: Honesty, Integrity, Fairness, Responsibility, Compassion, Perseverance, Respectfulness, Cooperation, Civic Duty, and Courage.

Level 4: The child's actions are influenced by loyalty to peers. One example of this level is the surge for independence causes them to want to challenge and defy the rules of adults. Their awareness of consequences in this larger world is, however, still limited at this time (usually around age 13yrs.).

Level 3: They are oriented to rules laid down by authorities with the understanding that the rules should be absolute. One example to this level is when the child can now control the will and behavior of peers with rules like the parent does.

Level 2: Their actions are oriented to the power of those in charge or those with the most strength or leverage in bargaining. For example, peers become possible rivals, allies, or enemies and they rapidly alternate between which of these possibilities their peers will be for the moment.

Level 1: They are guided by immediate or anticipated experience. One example of this level is that there is no awareness of their affect on others.

At the age of eight years old when I ran away from home, my level of maturity was a level 4. After I thought about my actions and the actions of my mom and auntie, my maturity level shifted to a level 5. I learned that being led by my emotions and feelings could have gotten me in big trouble or, worse, killed. As our intellectual level increase our maturity level should increase as well.

I'm sharing this with our readers because as we enjoy this summer and prepare for a new school year, I want to encourage you to observe your child's maturity level or seek out a child or youth that you can help through the process of maturing into the young adult and eventually an adult with an understanding of how maturity works. Remember, what goes around comes around.

Peace.

Robin



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Old West End Festival Launches Summer Season

The summer festival season is officially here – pronounced open for business with the start of the Old West End Parade in the first week of June. The event, as always, draws Toledoans from near and far to see the parade, visit the vendors and take in the architectural delights to the Old West End.



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Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare by Gene Barretta

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

You're not the only kid in the world who likes ice cream.

Lots of kids do; everybody loves a good treat. Other people like biking, puppies, candy, and video games, too. You're unique, but you have a lot in common with a lot of people and in the new book *Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare* by Gene Barretta, you'll see how two great men were alike, a century apart.

When you first take a look at Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy, they're just two ordinary Presidents. Lincoln was a Republican, Kennedy was a Democrat. Lincoln was born in 1809, Kennedy was born in 1917. Lincoln's family was poor; Kennedy's was definitely not.

So far, so different, right?

Not so fast.

Both men were military leaders: Lincoln in the Black Hawk War, and Kennedy in World War II. Both were elected to the House of Representatives, Lincoln in 1846 and Kennedy in 1946. They were nominated for the Vice Presidency 100 years apart, but neither won their election.

Lincoln and his wife, Mary, lost a child before moving into the White House, and then again after their move. Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, lost a child before moving into the White House,

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40 pages

and then again after their move.

Wow, huh? Just wait....

Lincoln absolutely *hated* slavery, and did everything he could to stop it; that's why he was a Republican, since that party wanted to end slavery. After the Civil War, Lincoln met with Frederick Douglass, who knew Lincoln was "committed to the cause."

Kennedy *hated* Jim Crow laws, and wanted to give African Americans equal rights. He met with Martin Luther King, Jr., who knew Kennedy was committed to the cause. In 1963, Kennedy presented a Civil Rights bill to Congress.

Lincoln was shot on a Friday in Ford's Theatre; Kennedy was shot on a Friday while riding in a Ford Lincoln. Andrew Johnson took over the Presidency when Lincoln died; Lyndon Johnson took over the Presidency when Kennedy died.

Today, if you stand at Kennedy's grave, you can see the Lincoln Memorial...

For about as long as there's been an internet, most of what's inside this book has been on it. That doesn't mean, of course, that your child's seen these eerie coincidences before, so *Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare* just might dazzle him.

Starting with, and mixing in, balancing differences amidst the similarities, author Gene Barretta shows kids how history can be a weird and wonderful thing, especially when it comes to these two influential presidents. Barretta doesn't try to make things light; he states facts in straightforward, simple language, allowing his illustrations to bring the smiles here. Though I thought the comparison ends with a whimper, it quickly snaps back with audience-pleasing tidbits that kids will love.

Though this may look like a children's picture book, the terminology inside is meant more for older readers, up to Sixth Grade. For them – and maybe even for you – *Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare* is a nice treat.

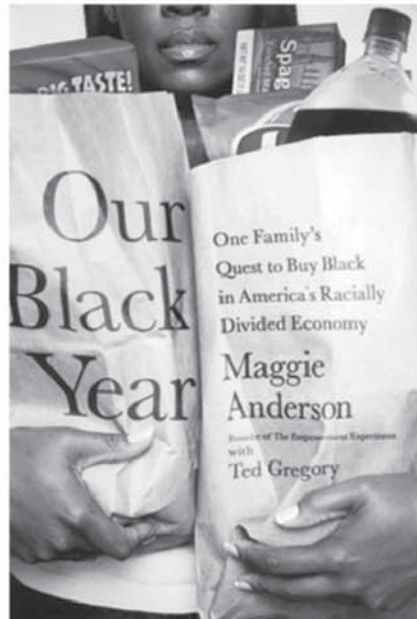




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No bids will be accepted after **3:00 p.m., July 20, 2016**; bids that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFQ will not be accepted.

The Request for Qualifications will be available on **June 22, 2016**. It will be available in the Lucas County PlanetBids system for potential bidders to download by going to the site: <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/bids.aspx>.

A Question & Answer (Q&A) session will be held at the LCDJFS office at 3210 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43606 on June 30, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. **PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.** The posting of the Q&A will be on July 6, 2016. If any changes are made to the RFQ as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFQ will be posted in PlanetBids at the website address (noted above).

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